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1. PRESIDENT FORD ANNOUNCED ON 22 APRIL 1976 THAT HE IS NOMINATING E. HENRY KNOCHE AS REPLACEMENT FOR LT. GEN. VERNON WALTERS. MR. KNOCHE, FORMER ASSOCIATE DEPUTY TO THE DCI FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY, IS A CAREER CIA OFFICIAL WHO SERVED AS ACTING DEPUTY TO THE DCI FOR THE IC PRIOR TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VICE ADMIRAL DANIEL MURPHY AS D/DCI/IC ON 29 MARCH 1976. 4
2. GENERAL WALTERS WILL CONTINUE IN OFFICE UNTIL MR. KNOCHE'S APPOINTMENT IS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE. E2 IMPDET.H

DATE: 22 APRIL 1976

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WILLIAM E. NELSON, DDO

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FOR GENERAL WALTERS FROM [REDACTED] 4

1. PRESS SERVICE TICKERS CONTINUE SOME MISLEADING AND DISTORTED COMMENT ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR IMPENDING DEPARTURE {MOSTLY WATERGATE INNUENDO} DESPITE EFFORTS OF OUR PRESS OFFICE TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT. ACTUAL PLAY IN NEWSPAPERS AND ON TV NOT YET AVAILABLE. 4

2. MR. BUSH HAS AUTHORIZED FOLLOWING STATEMENT BE ISSUED FOR PURPOSE OFFSETTING WIRE SERVICE DISTORTIONS. 4

GENERAL WALTERS HAD EXPRESSED TO ME AND THE PRESIDENT LAST JANUARY HIS INTENTION OF RETIRING AFTER 35 YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE. HE SUBMITTED AN ~~UNDATED~~ RESIGNATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ME TIME TO ~~SEE~~ OUT A SUCCESSOR AND TO CARRY OUT THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AS DIRECTED BY PRESIDENT FORD. THIS PROCESS IS NOW WELL ALONG, AND GENERAL WALTERS PLANS TO LEAVE IN JUNE. GENERAL WALTERS HAS

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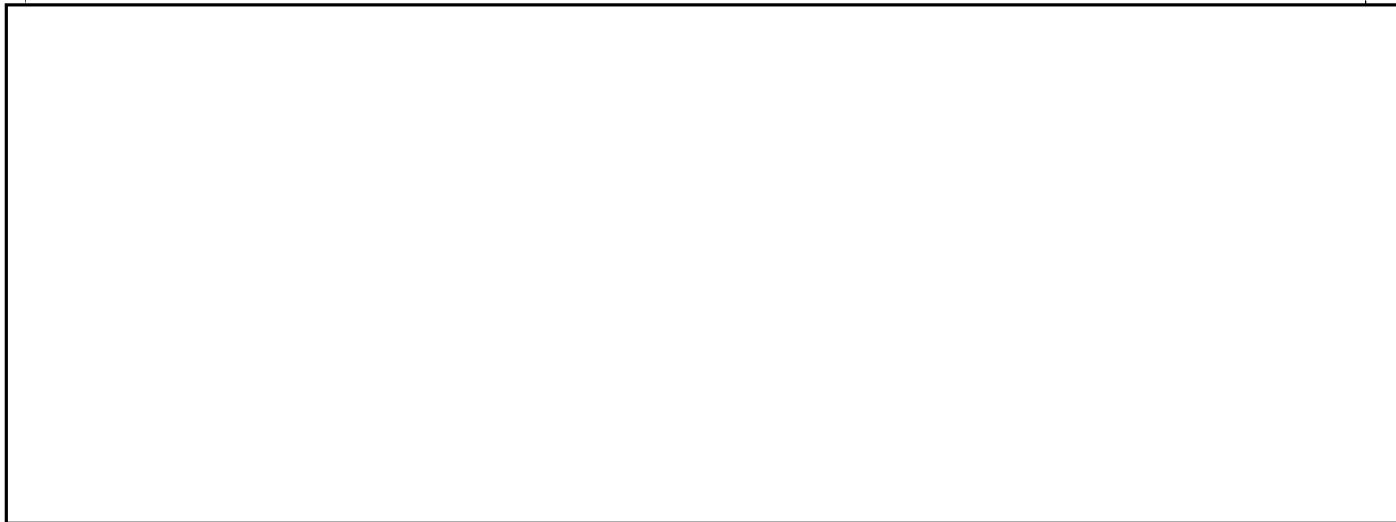
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SERVED THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WITH EXTREME DISTINCTION. HE HAS BEEN AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED INTELLIGENCE MEDAL IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY OVER MANY YEARS. WE REGRET HIS DEPARTURE AND WILL MISS HIS WISE COUNSEL, GOOD HUMOR, AND UNIQUE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE. ALL OF US AT CIA AND IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HOLD HIM IN HIGHEST REGARD."Y

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4. FOLLOWING LETTER TO GO OUT OVER YOUR SIGNATURE COMPOSED AT REQUEST OF YOUR SISTER AND FORWARDED HEREWITH FOR YOUR

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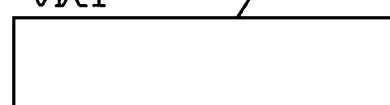
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"I HAVE BEFORE ME YOUR ESTIMATE FOR REPAIR OF A GOLD AND DIAMOND BROOCH WHICH I PURCHASED IN YOUR RIO STORE SOME TIME AGO. IT IS A FRAGILE ITEM WHICH HAS BEEN WORN ONLY A FEW TIMES. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT IS ONE OF YOUR PRODUCTS AND GIVEN THE REPUTATION OF YOUR CRAFTSMANSHIP,

"■ I FIND THE ESTIMATED COST OF REPAIRING IT TO BE EXCESSIVE. IS STERN'S WORKMANSHIP NOT GUARANTEED? PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THIS ESTIMATE CAN BE ■■■■ REVISED DOWNWARD." 4

5. YOUR CAR RETRIEVED AND GARAGED AT YOUR QUARTERS. E2 IMPDET-H

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FOR GENERAL WALTERS FROM

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UNITED PRESS CARRIED FOLLOWING

1. WHITE HOUSE ISSUED FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY AT 1056

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HOURS EST. "PRESIDENT FORD ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT LT. GEN.

VERNON WALTERS, A LONGTIME FRIEND OF FORMER PRESIDENT

RICHARD NIXON AND A KEY WATERGATE WITNESS, IS QUITTING AS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA. FORD SAID AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE

WAS NOMINATING E. HENRY KNOCHE, A CAREER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

AGENCY OFFICIAL, AS REPLACEMENT FOR WALTERS." 4

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2. MR. BUSH WAS CONCERNED TO COUNTER THE PRESSURE

AND IMMEDIATELY EMPHASIZED TO THE WHITE HOUSE PEOPLE DEALING WITH THE PRESS THAT YOU HAD ANNOUNCED PLANS TO RETIRE FROM THE ARMY ON 30 JUNE, THAT YOU WOULD, THEREFORE, BE RESIGNING FROM THE AGENCY, THAT THERE HAD BEEN A COMPLETELY AMICABLE UNDERSTANDING ON THE MATTER FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT YOU HAD BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE AND WERE IN NO WAY DEPARTING UNDER PRESSURE. E2 IMPDET-H

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TO: IMMEDIATE HEADQUARTERS.

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X1 FOR [redacted] FROM GENERAL WALTERS

1. FOR BACKGROUND, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT ~~WHERE~~ WHILE I WAS APPOINTED DDCI BY PRESIDENT NIXON, I WAS PROMOTED TO BOTH BRIGADIER AND MAJOR GENERAL BY PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON. I WAS ALSO FIRST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ARM^Y OFFICER PROMOTED TO GENERAL, ALSO UNDER JOHNSON. LIKEWISE, I WILL HAVE COMPLETED FOUR YEARS AS DDCI ON MAY 2ND. DISTORTIONS WERE TO BE EXPECTED AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT.

2. RE REF PARA 4: SEND LETTER. THANKS. E2 IMPDET.

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1. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED MORNING 26 APRIL THAT BILL NELSON PLANS TO RETIRE EFFECTIVE 15 MAY. BILL WELLS WILL BE DDO. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHIEF OF STATION POSITION WILL BE DEFERRED FOR 90 DAYS PENDING EVALUATION OF EXPERIENCE BY NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM.

2. PRESS COMMENT ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR RETIREMENT HAS ALL BUT DISAPPEARED. WASHINGTON POST, NEW YORK TIMES AND LOS ANGELES TIMES OF 23 APRIL ALL GAVE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY BALANCED IF SLIGHTLY BACKHANDED TREATMENT. RON NESSEN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT PRESIDENT FORD "HAS A VERY HIGH REGARD" FOR WALTERS AND THE WORK HE HAS DONE. "WALTERS HAS OFFERED TO SERVE IN ANY OTHER CAPACITY AT THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST AND PRESIDENT FORD IS CONSIDERING THE OFFER," NESSEN SAID. E2 IMPDET.H

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X1 TO: HEADQUARTERS.

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X1 TO DDCI OFFICE FOR [redacted]

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME LIST OF MY COMMITMENTS OF ALL SORTS FOR MAY AND JUNE.
2. JUST AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, I DO NOT RECALL "HAVING OFFERED TO SERVE IN ANY OTHER CAPACITY" AS QUOTED BY NESSEN. NO ACTION ON THIS REQUIRED. E2, IMPDET, WN-SISM.

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